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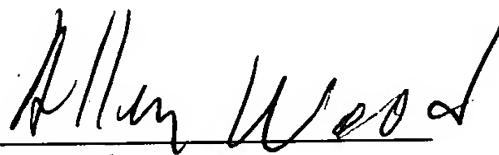
The Office Action of November 16, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Sections 10-12 of the Office Action acknowledge that claims 4, 9, and 10 are potentially allowable. In order to secure allowance of this application without further prosecution, the present Amendment places these claims in independent form. The present Amendment also cancels original claims 1, 5, and 8, and revises claims 2, 3, and 6 to make them depend from the new independent claims.

In addition to the claim changes mentioned above, the present Amendment corrects a typographical error in the Abstract of this application.

For the forgoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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